

IN THE CLAIMS:

1-27. (Canceled)

28. (Currently Amended) A surgical saw blade coupler comprising:

a housing having a body and a head that extends forward from said body, said head having a face and a through bore;

a driver having a driven portion disposed in said housing and configured to be attached to a drive unit and a locking portion disposed over said face of said head, said locking portion having: a through opening aligned with said through bore; and at least one engaging member;

a pin that extends through said through bore and said through opening, said pin having a head portion disposed over said locking portion with said head portion defining an opening therethrough that is aligned over and positioned to receive said at least one engaging member, said pin being movably mounted to said housing so as to be able to move longitudinally in said through bore and said through opening;

a cap mounted to said pin so as to be spaced above said head portion of said pin to define a slot of a fixed height between said head portion and said cap for receiving a surgical saw blade, said slot being movable with said pin; and

a biasing member acting between said head of said housing and said pin for urging said head portion of said pin and said cap towards said at least one engaging member.

29. (Previously Presented) The surgical saw blade coupler of Claim 28, wherein:

said cap has a bottom face directed towards said head portion and at least one bore that opens inwardly from said bottom face, said at least one bore being aligned

with said at least one engaging member and said opening in said head portion of said pin and dimensioned to receive said at least one engaging member; and

said driver, said pin and said cap are collectively dimensioned so that when said biasing member urges said head portion of said pin and said cap towards said at least one engaging member, said at least one engaging member extends through said opening and said slot into said bore defined in said cap.